Anson's book: Temkin hw 1/19/76

Dick Gallen is a friend of Peter Shepherd. Peter Shepherd of Anson's agent.

Dick told me Sunday that two months prior to accepted it Bantam rejected the Anson book. This likely was either a proposal of part of the work.

He also told me that Anson and Shepherd complained that Temkin or Bantam under Temkin tore the book apart. The import is that in the Anson/Shepherd opinion what Temkin did was unnecessary, excessive and destructive rather than constructive.

I have no way of knowing what is true. I asked Dick about Temkin, why he would go voluntarily to Memphis to have been a surprise prosecution witness in the Ray case. "Ego," Dick said. When I said his role was that of a Judenrat and his function to give testimony that he had to know was at best deceptive and ased again why, Dick responded that Temkin has a need to be and feel important and that association with important people or events gratifies him.

He is a former U.S.Attorney, I take it an assistant.

This is consistent with Temkin's demeanor on the stand.

However, this story would make a lie of the Bantam introduction to the book, in all respects, beginning with when and how they got interested in the book.